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**Subject: Your application for access to documents (2023/2214) and (2023/2383)**

Dear Ms Marchand,

We refer to your request for access to European Commission documents registered on 13/04/2023 and 24/04/2023 under the above-mentioned reference numbers.

In your requests you ask for

*all correspondence (including email, SMS, private twitter and WhatsApp) briefings, minutes of meetings, since 1st March 2022 between Commissioner Paolo Gentiloni, and/or his cabinet and/or officials from DG ECFIN with representatives from **aramco overseas company by or Saudi Aramco or Boldt Partners or Formula 1** or with PR companies or law firms representing **aramco overseas company by or Saudi Aramco or Formula 1** in which "e-fuels", "liquid fuels", "electric vehicles" or "sustainable fuels" or "hydrogen" or the Commission's proposal on CO2 emission standards for cars and vans', COM(2021) 556 final, were discussed.*

We regret to inform you that the Commission does not hold any documents that would correspond to the description given in your applications.

As specified in Article 2(3) of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001, the right of access as defined in that regulation applies only to existing documents in the possession of the institution.

Given that no such documents, corresponding to the description given in your application, are held by the Commission, the Commission is not in a position to fulfil your request.

In accordance with Article 7(2) of Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001, you are entitled to make a confirmatory application requesting the Commission to review this position.

Such a confirmatory application should be addressed to the Secretariat-General of the Commission within 15 working days upon receipt of this letter. You can submit it in one of the following ways:

**by asking for a review via your portal<sup>1</sup> account** (available only for initial requests submitted via the portal account),

**or by mail:**

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**or by email to:** [sg-acc-doc@ec.europa.eu](mailto:sg-acc-doc@ec.europa.eu)

Yours faithfully,

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Director-General

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.ec.europa.eu/transparency/documents-request>